

# Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

2nd Grade 12/10/21

## Teacher's Message/Announcements

Dear Second Grade Families,

Students have had a wonderful week and have been doing a wonderful job preparing their hearts during this season of Advent. We would also like to extend a special congratulations to all of those that received their First Reconciliation this last weekend!

Next week, please consider joining us via livestream for our 2nd grade hosted Mass on Friday 12/17 at 8:15! The children are looking forward to being back in the chapel.

Please see below for our reminders and announcements. Have a wonderful weekend!

God bless,

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### Reminders / Announcements:

1. Please check Friday Folders TODAY for Data Summary Sheets
2. Wednesday, December 15 ~ St. Nick's Shop
3. Thursday, 12/16 ~ Tacky Sweater Day
4. 2nd Grade will attend Mass in person on Friday, December 17th. If your child receives a reading, please be sure to practice with them at home.
5. Please send your child to school DAILY with **proper outerwear** (coats, hats, etc.). Don't forget to label these items! We will be eating, playing, and learning **OUTSIDE** as much as possible! Hooray!
6. We are busy planning Christmas parties for The Holly Jollies and The Praying Puppies. Please check email for information about how to support our craft and snacks!
7. Please refer to the [Spelling Homework Choice Board](#) for weekly spelling homework choices.

### Math

The Praying Puppies and the Holly Jollies have nearly completed the unit on Subtraction (with and without regrouping). As a reminder, strong automaticity with math facts positively impacts this unit, so please continue to practice addition and subtraction facts often. Flash cards, timed worksheets, and calling out problems while driving around town are all great ways to fit in some extra practice. We will be strengthening these skills at school through

games, timed worksheets, flash cards, and more!

Next week, we will review all of the essential skills in this unit in preparation for the Unit 4 test on Wednesday. On Thursday and Friday, we will festively incorporate the holiday season into our math lessons!

### **Literacy (Reading / Writing / Spelling)**

The Holly Jollies and Praying Puppies continue to work on both nonfiction and fiction in small groups. This week, they have had the opportunity to read all about the Lakota tribe of the Plains, while comparing and contrasting the Lakota tribe with the Powhatan tribe of the Eastern Woodlands.

We have completed our study of nouns! Please check Friday Folders for the graded test!

Spelling instruction is underway! Please refer to the [Spelling Homework Choice Board](#) for weekly spelling homework choices. Word lists will be introduced weekly, with tests occurring on Fridays. Please check Friday Folders for graded tests. Due to the short week and impending break, students will study and work with holiday words next week and will not be tested on these words.

Now Hiring! The Praying Puppies and the Holly Jollies are currently applying to be elves at the North Pole! This week, they have filled out a job application (complete with “fingerprinting!”) and begun using graphic organizers to write a persuasive letter to Santa to convince him that they are the perfect hire! Next week, each student will write drafts and a final copy of his/her letter. We cannot wait to showcase your little elf’s work!

### **Science / Social Studies**

Throughout the month of December, we will be studying Native Americans. As the Holly Jollies and Praying Puppies examine these civilizations, they will learn how the natural environments/landscapes of each tribe influenced the type of homes built, the sourcing of food, the type of transportation, and the delegation of necessary jobs. North American geography will also be highlighted this month as the kiddos identify major rivers and mountain ranges in each of the three regions..

This week, our super second graders focused on the Lakota Tribe of the Plains. The kiddos loved designing tipis (while utilizing a Lakota picture dictionary) and creating an interactive village that shows their knowledge of all things Lakota.

### **Religion**

This week, students had a special opportunity to spend time in Adoration with Jesus in the Chapel. The children really opened their hearts and minds to this one-on-one time with Our Lord. We also reflected on the season of Advent and the children made goals of what they can do each day to prepare their hearts for Christmas.

Next week, we will look at the stories and important figures in scripture that help tell the story of Christ’s coming. We also will be leading Mass for the school next week on Friday. Be sure to tune in and pray with us.